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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y - TEXT PARA 2 & 3

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1. MISSION FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE USEFULNESS OF THE DATA
REQUESTED REFTEL AND IS ATTEMPTING URGENTLY TO RESEARCH
ACCURATE ANSWERS OR ESTIMATES OF THE AMOUNT OF SUPPORT
OR SUBSIDY WHICH ITALY PROVIDES TO OUR FORCES HERE.

ONE EXAMPLE OF THE SIZE OF THE TASK IS AN ESTIMATION OF THE COMMERCIAL VALUE OF US MILITARY REAL ESTATE IN ITALY. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE NAVAL SUPPORT FACILITY AT NAPLES, ALL OF OUR 43 BASES AND INSTALLATIONS IN THIS COUNTRY ARE PROVIDED FREE BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT. WE ARE TASKING ALL COMMANDS IN ITALY TO COME UP WITH ESTIMATES OF THE VALUE THIS REAL ESTATE WOULD HAVE ON THE COMMERCIAL MARKET, BUT WE DO NOT REALISTICALLY EXPECT A RESPONSE IN LESS THAN ONE MONTH'S TIME, NOR DO WE EXPECT IT TO BE MUCH MORE THAN ILLUSTRATIVE.

2. WHAT WE CAN PROVIDE NOW IS A LIST OF AREAS IN WHICH THE GOI DOES PROVIDE SUPPORT, TAX RELIEF OR SUBSIDIES, DIRECT OR INDIRECT.

A. LOCAL LABOR OR OTHER SERVICES. NO SUPPORT OR SUBSIDY. THE US MILITARY PAY GOING RATES IN WAGES OR SOCIAL BENEFITS FOR THEIR LOCALLY-HIRD EMPLOYEES.

B. REAL ESTATE. SEE PARA. 1.

C. PROCUREMENT OF SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION. TO FOLLOW WHEN BETTER DATA IS ASSEMBLED.

D. TAX AND CUSTOMS DUTIES EXEMPTIONS. A PARTIAL ANSWER MAY BE REVEALING OF THE ORDER OF MAGNITUDE. IN 1977 TAX RELIEF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR GROUND FUEL SUPPORT TOTALED DOLS. 2,812,000; FOR PRIVATE USER GAS COUPONS 12,072,000; FOR OFFICAL USG USE 1,198,000. SIXTH FLEET FUEL PURCHASES ARE EXEMPT FROM TAXES. THE FLEET ESTIMATES IT WILL PURCHASE 128,815,000 GALLONS OF DIESEL MARINE FUEL AND 73,568,000 GALLONS OF J-5 AIRCRAFT FUEL IN 1978 FROM ITALIAN CONTRACTORS.

E. OFFICIAL USG SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT PAY NO PORT OR LANDING FEES.

F. THE GOI HAS BEEN PAYING 75 PERCENT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT EXPENSES O THE OFFICE OF DEFENSE COOPERATION. THE BILL FOR THIS YEAR WILL BE DOLS. 199,673.

3. THE SUBSTANCE OF THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN COORDINATED TELEPHONICALLY WITH EUCOM. HOLMES

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